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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/A

FROM : Charles A. Bohrer, M. D.
Director of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Space Allocation Task Force

REFERENCE : Your memorandum, subject as above, dtd
11 Jan 77 (DD/A 77-0192)

1. It seems probable that the relocation of any office from the Headquarters Building would present a variety of practical problems involving substantial cost and inconvenience. A partial listing of these problems was submitted to you recently; a copy is attached.

2. However, your memorandum deals with a more substantive question which deserves serious consideration before an irrevocable decision affecting the welfare of our employees is made.

3. The Agency's medical support program to personnel here and abroad incorporates two fundamental features which cannot be sacrificed without unacceptable erosion of the quality of medical support. They cannot be resolved by additional resources or good will. The first consideration is the necessity for professional one-on-one consultation with our employees. We are currently seeing about 300 individuals a day on a professional basis. These visits include dispensary treatment, physical examination, laboratory support, consultative services, operational consultation and medical support to overseas personnel.

4. The second consideration involves the timeliness of response. Whether justified or not, requests for medical assistance at Headquarters or abroad are "routinely immediate" and usually do not permit orderly scheduling.

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5. In summary, the consequences of relocation of the Office of Medical Services, distasteful as it may be to me personally, is not the central issue. Inability to provide direct personal professional support in a timely fashion is the seminal issue for consideration.

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